

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Species A illustrated in Figs. 1-5. Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10-12 are readable on the elected species.

The election of Species A is made with traverse because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. In one respect, the search required for the non-elected species would be substantially coextensive with the search associated with the elected species. In addition, examining all of the claims of this application at the same time would only involve consideration of a few additional claims.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the election of species requirement and examination of all of the claims of this application, including Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10-12 directed to the elected species, are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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